

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL
MINUTES
June 22, 2001**

Members Present:

Dr. Garth Gemar (Chairman), Dr. Toni Brophy, Dr. Kay Lewis, Jan Hauk, Roy Ryals, Scott Butler, Charlie Smith, Sgt. Richard Thacher, Marilyn Price, Patty Seneski, David Cheney, Mark Venuti, Dr. Michael Ward, J. Marty Dernier, Nancy Shaver, Dr. Peter Vann, Dr. Robert Vavrick, Dave Samuels, and Bob Ramsey.

Members Absent:

Dr. Jim McLaughlin, Wes Powell, Pat Andrews, Harold Nystedt, Terry Shine, Dr. Michel Sucher, Dr. Richard Carmona, Therese Dunn, Mark Stroh, Gitti Silven, Richard Kunz, and Ed Neville.

Guests Present:

Niki O'Keeffe, Barbara Glickman-Williams, Dr. John Gallagher, Stephen Powles, Gene Zehring, Janine Anderson, Jim Morgan, James Heskett, Jerry Stein, Kimi Smith, Brian Smith, Gary Woods, Brenda Sutton, Jim Roeder, and Kevin Keeley.

BEMS Staff Present:

Victor Dominguez, Robin Clark, Sarah Penttinen, Karen Nelson, Donna Meyer, Susan Nicolas, Howard Schwartz, Dona Markley, Peggy Lahren, Don Decker, and Betty Yunick.

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Emergency Medical Services Council was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Chairman Dr. Gemar. A quorum was present.

Dr. Kay Lewis asked the Council to observe a moment of silence for Howard Adams. A motion was made by Roy Ryals, seconded by Bob Ramsey that the Bureau send some sort of official recognition of Mr. Adams' accomplishments to the charity of his choice from EMS Council and the Bureau. Motion carried.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Charlie Smith, seconded by Dr. Kay Lewis to approve the minutes of April 27, 2001 with two corrections: Motion carried.

Page 2 - V. B. - line 3 - change can not to cannot

Page 3 - take out all apostrophes after EMT-I (EMT-Is) not (EMT-I's)

III. PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES

Dr. Gemar gave a committee membership report. Dr. Gemar presented certificates of reappointment to Dr. Michael Ward and Marilyn Price. All committee positions are occupied at the present time.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A. **Miscellaneous Updates**

1. **Advisory Board Meeting** - Dr. Gemar reported there was a meeting of chairpersons and other members of Advisory Boards to the Director held yesterday June 21, 2001 and he attended as the chairperson of the statutory committees. Dr. Raife, Roy Ryals, Dr. Levison, Lynn Donaldson, and Dr. Kay Lewis from the statutory and standing committees also attended. The topic of discussion was ADHS departmental goals.

2. **Conflict of Interest Statement** - This document is going to be redone and discussed with the Attorney General's office.

Follow Up: Possibly put on October's Agenda if completed
Delegated to: Dr. Gemar

3. **Status of Bureau Chief position** - The posting of this position will be on a number of websites include the Bureau's. The Acting Bureau Chief is Ed Armijo. The position will be advertised for one month and reevaluation will take place, and interviews may then take place. If members would like to be part of the interview process please let Dr. Gemar know.

4. **SB 2509** - The \$32,000 for the call boxes is apparently not going to be enough money. The procurement department for the Director's Office is advising us not to spend money for this initiative and possibly move this money over to the Department of Transportation and they would purchase the call boxes. Their procurement department is against this as well. If never spent, the money will revert back to the EMS Operating Fund.

5. **EMS Operating Fund Recommendation** - The motion that recommended to the Director that the EMS Operating Fund maintain a carry forward balance equal to the prior year's actual operating costs plus 10% that was approved at the last meeting has not yet been acted upon by the Director.

Follow Up: Status of EMS Operating Fund Recommendation
When: Next meeting - EMS Council - October 26, 2001
Delegated to: Dr. Gemar

6. **AFDA** - Jan Hauk recognized the Bureau of EMS and thanked them for actively participating in the recent Fire District Association Conference held on June 8, 2001.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Rules Status Report** - The Bureau needs to have all the changes done and review the entire package to submit before September 2002.

- B. Magnesium Sulfate** - Informational only. Magnesium administration will be addressed in new curricula and will thereby be tied into scope of practice for advanced level personnel. No changes to A.A.C. necessary for just this skill.
- C. AHA ECC** - Educationally one can make one copy for distribution for classes per year. Regional Councils can use algorithms (flowcharts) without infringing on copyrights.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approval of New EMT-P Curriculum** - Education Committee prefers optional start date in September and mandatory use start date in January 2002.

A motion was made by Dr. Kay Lewis, seconded by Marilyn Price to adopt the US DOT EMT-P Curriculum 2001.

A friendly amendment was accepted by Dr. Kay Lewis to change the name to Arizona EMT-Paramedic Curriculum 2001. Motion carried.

- B. Paramedic Testing After Refresher Curriculum** - A motion was made by Dr. Kay Lewis, seconded by Dr. Brophy to have EMTs and Paramedics attend refresher course within 6 months. Dr. Lewis withdrew her motion and Dr. Brophy seconded the withdrawal.

Follow Up: Table to the next meeting of Education Committee –
September 28, 2001

Delegated to: Dr. Gemar, Dr. Lewis, Victor Dominguez

- C. Combitude Curriculum as a special skills course for EMT Basics** - A motion was made by Dr. Kay Lewis, seconded by Roy Ryals to approve the Combitude Training Curriculum (Dated 5/4/01 DRAFT V1.0) for all levels of EMTs. Motion carried.

- D. New EMT I Curriculum** - The pediatric hours of didactic were increased from 12 to 16 which increases the total didactic to 269 and increases the combined total from 385 to 389.

A motion was made by Dr. Kay Lewis, seconded by Mark Venuti to accept the EMT-I document with the increased changes in hours. The curriculum would be called the Arizona EMT-Intermediate Curriculum as the standard of the state to be effective in January 2002. Motion carried.

Dr. Kay Lewis summarized the Task Force meeting on June 5, 2001 on the EMT-I Curriculum Review and asked EMS Council to review.

Follow Up: Next Agendas of Rules & Education Committee (9/28)

Delegated to: Dr. Kay Lewis

1. Revised Curriculum Sternal IO - 6/01 Suggested Revisions - DRAFT

A motion was made by Dr. Kay Lewis seconded by Roy Ryals to approve Sternal I/O with the changes indicated in the document and the three changes below:

Top of page 1 should read - Proposed Curriculum for the Sternal Intraosseous (IO) Infusion of Fluids and Medications (on all title pages). Under course description there will be a glossary that defines adult as 14 years or older. Page 3 - II A. Add after adult critically ill or injured patient. Motion carried.

- E. Revision of 9 A.A.C.25, Article 8 to add new EMT-P and EMT-I curricula, add Haz-Mat protocol for Paramedics, and add Combitube protocol for EMT-B** - A motion was made by Mark Venuti, seconded by Dr. Toni Brophy to table this item and call a special Rules Committee Meeting possibly July 26, 2001. Please send your comments to Mark Venuti as soon as possible.

Follow Up: Set up Emergency Rules Meeting
Delegated to: Dr. Gemar and Mark Venuti

- F. Unconscious Protocol for EMT - Paramedics and Intermediates:**
Addition of Nalmefene - Informational only

Follow Up: Next Agenda (10/26) - Approval of Nalmefene protocol
Delegated to: Dr. Gemar

- G. Informational Update on Rulemaking to Implement SB 1319** - The Director's office is in the process of setting up a task force which will include one member of the EMS Council. Discussion ensued on Alternative Destination and possibly having an emergency Rules meeting.

Follow Up: Meet to discuss date and time for emergency Rules Meeting
Delegated to: Dr. Gemar and Mark Venuti

- H. Implementation of SB 1201 Section (1)(A)** - It was suggested Departmental policy decisions need to be made on this first and then a task force needs to meet to look at the protocol for dispersal.

Discussion ensued regarding disproportionate funding as it has been approved before in concept and used in the past. This should include timeframes and guidelines. What is the definition of rural?

A motion was made by Mark Venuti, seconded by Dr. Brophy that the EMS Council accept the plan for dispersal of the appropriations under SB 1201 to include the change to take out references to non-CON holders. Change the word

capitol to capital. Look at statewide priorities with timeframes and the possibility of disproportionate funding.

A friendly amendment was made by Jan Hauk and accepted by Mark Venuti and Dr. Brophy to add consideration of agencies employing First Responders.
Motion carried.

Legislation - The Director wants the advice of the EMS Council on legislative issues but does not want to form a legislative committee.

Follow Up: Standing Agenda Item (10/26) - Governmental Affairs
Delegated to: Dr. Gemar

- I. EMS Council Bylaws** - A motion was made by Charlie Smith, seconded by Mark Venuti to approve the amended Bylaws. Motion carried.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Education Committee** - No report.
B. Rules Committee - Jeanine Hanson is the chairperson for the Independent Work Group to begin work on Air Ambulance Rules which will meet July 27th at Phoenix College at 10:00 A.M. Members from the Rules Committee will include Dr. Brophy, Roy Ryals, Mark Venuti, and Jeanine Hanson. Members of the Air Ambulance industry are invited to attend.
C. Budget Committee - The Budget Committee did not meet since the last EMS Council meeting.

VIII. REGIONAL REPORTS

- A. Central** - A copy of the report is available through the Bureau. Discussion ensued regarding diversion.
B. Southern - A copy of the report is available through the Bureau.
C. Western - A copy of the report is available through the Bureau.
D. Northern - A copy of the report is available through the Bureau.

IX. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

A request was made to update membership list and distribute to the members. The Bureau will do this for the next meeting.

Dr. Brophy requested that a recent decision on special skills and medical direction for EMTs be put on the next agenda.

Follow Up: Agenda item for emergency Rules Committee meeting or next scheduled Rules Committee meeting.
Delegated to: Dr. Gemar

The last curriculum for Toxmedic is #7.

Chief Gary Woods was commended for updating the committee on Amyl Nitrite pilot project after 1 year. A copy of the report is available through the Bureau.

X. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the EMS Council is scheduled for October 26, 2001.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m. (Quorum had been lost at 11:55 a.m.)

Approved by EMS Council on 11/2/01